

92 Joseph Moulton is my father's brother.
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THE LAST OF THE BULLWHACKERS IN HEBER



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JOSEPH MOULTON

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These times I write to friendship—
friends of sixty years,
Who met in early Utah days, when
friendship knew no fears,
In youth and into manhood they
oft times met together,
And mingled in the song and dance,
In spite of wind or weather.

They went in answer to a call,
bullwhackers in ox trains,
To bring the weary emigrants in
safely 'cross the plains.
And in their home-made jeans they
toll'd the heavy stones to move
That now in Temple walls are laid
a people's faith to prove.

All three found help mates, staunch
and true, when yet all three
were young.
They helped each other build their
homes, log cabins every one.
They all reared honored families
whose creed in life is "Work":
In grabbing sage or clearing land, not
one of them did shirk.
Their lives have measured usefulness,
in work of every kind,
Each one has bravely borne his share,
no truer men you'll find.
And in the service of their Church,
each one has done his part;
On missions, or in council, they've
given hand and heart.

They've kept the Word of Wisdom, and
paid their honest dues
In tithing, contributions, no slackers
part they choose.
No man their honesty assails, their
word has been their bond.

All through the years no tarnish clings
of truth they've ever been fond,
The little old log cabins now are mem-
ories of the past;
They long have lived in larger homes,
their holdings grown more vast.
No mortgages their lands enshroud, no
debt they owe to man;
To God alone they owe success, for
thrift has been their plan.

Though now near four-score years of
age, their hearts and minds
are young;
They've followed in the righteous path,
in deed or word of tongue.
All three enjoy the blessings of health
and peace of mind;
And they are still the best of friends,
their hearts still warm and
kind.

Their friendship has endured the test
of hardship, weal and woe,
And in the twilight zone of life
effulgent sheds its glow.
They've seen the changes wrought by
years; their comrades all are
gone;
And now they wait the Master's call
when they shall follow on.

These verses voice my tribute in true
bullwhacker style,
And though they lack true polish,
they're spoken without guile.
For the good that I have written of
these old friends, all three,
Of two of them I know 'tis true:
I hope it is of me.

WILLIAM LINDSAY

"NATIVE" SON OF CAL. DIES IN IDA.

John Dolten, one of the first, if not
the first white children born in Cali-
fornia, died in Idaho, a few days ago,
at the age of seventy-eight.

He was born in 1846 where San
Francisco now stands.

His father was one of the Mormon
Battalion. After being discharged at
San Diego, he with others, worked
his way north and met the colony who
had come on the ship, Brooklyn. There
he met Miss Elizabeth Kettler, whom
he married.

She left New York with her folks
on the ship Brooklyn on Feb. 4, 1846,
entering the San Francisco bay Jan-
31st of the same year. They travel-
ed 18,000 miles.

There were 200 Latter-day Saints
on the ship, and they were on the wa-
ter six months.

His family moved to Centerville
Utah, in 1849, where the family has
since resided.

John never married. He was seven-
ty-seven years old when he died.

He spent a number of years, in
Montana hauling ore from the mines
to the smelter.

The last ten or fifteen years, the
deceased spent on a ranch near Ham-
craft, Idaho.

Funeral services were held in the
North Centerville chapel, Monday,
Feb. 22, at 2 p. m. The speakers were
S. J. Parrish and David F. Smith. The
speakers said that they had always
known him as an honorable upright
man, free-hearted. He had a very
good disposition and interfered with
no body's business.

He is survived by his brother,
William, and sister, Maria, Dolten,
of Centerville.

At his own home
Aunt Ric Dalton
died 21 Mar 1953
buried 25 " " "
at Centerville Utah

At Ogden Hospital
Elizabeth Bowman Lyon
died 31 Jan 1953
buried 3 Feb. " "
at Centerville Utah

From Bertha Berenson